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Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended May 9, 1903.

The following is received from Surgeon Glennan, at San Francisco, under date of May 11, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended May 9, 1903:

Number of buildings reinspected	229
Rooms reinspected	1, 625
Persons inspected	1, 606
Sick inspected.....	47
Number of sick seen and prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	7
Number of dead examined.....	6
Number of necropsies	0
Number of rats examined bacteriologically.....	78
Number of places limed and disinfected.....	547
Number of times streets swept and sprinkled with bichloride solution.....	3
Number of sewers flushed.....	7
Number of notices served to abate plumbing nuisances.....	32
Number of plumbing nuisances undergoing abatement.....	—

Cerebro-spinal meningitis at League Island Navy-Yard.

[Telegram.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 11, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Three deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis and five other cases at League Island Navy-Yard.

IRWIN.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

Surgeon Banks reports, May 7, as follows:

I have the honor to report the prevalence of pneumonia in this city, almost reaching epidemic proportions. In the past two months, with a total of 5,341 deaths from all causes, 1,186 have been due to this disease, a ratio of 22 per cent, double that of the next highest in the table, tuberculosis.

The health commissioner of the city rightly sounds a warning against this new captain of the men of death in the increased mortality and morbidity over previous years. The disease is of an atypical character, the patient showing physical prostration out of all proportion to the physical signs. The cases coming under my notice have all been marked by an insidious onset, slight expectoration, low febrile action, rapid pulse, and continuous mental and nervous disturbances.

A mild diarrhea is noted in all cases at first. Not one patient required oxygen, and yet all have succumbed to a condition of undoubted toxæmia. Conference with local practitioners confirms